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that any car placed for loading was defective, in response to which the railroad filed a written report after investigation of the complaint. See paragraph (c) of §1037.3.

§1037.2 Cars.

A car is not in suitable condition for the transportation of bulk grain and grain products when it is defective. The rules prescribed in this part 1037 apply on shipments transported solely in railroad-owned and railroad-leased cars.

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§1037.3 Claims.

(a) In computing the amount of the loss for which the carrier will pay there will be deducted from the gross amount of the ascertained actual loss one-fourth of 1 percent of the established loading weight to cover invisible loss and waste; provided, however, that where grain and grain products heat in transit and investigation shows that the invisible loss resulting therefrom exceeded one-fourth of 1 percent of such other amount as may hereafter be fixed in the manner above stated, and that the carrier is not otherwise liable for said loss, then the ascertained actual amount of the invisible loss due to heating of the grain and grain products will be deducted.

(b) Where investigation discloses a defect in equipment, seal or seal record, or a transfer in transit by the carrier of a carload of bulk grain or grain products upon which the unloading weight is less than the loading weight and the shipper furnishes duly attested certificates showing the correctness of the claimed weight, and investigation fails to show that the discrepancy is due to defective scales or other shipper facilities, or to inaccurate weighing or other error at point of origin or destination, or to fraud, then the resulting claim will be adjusted subject to the deductions authorized in the immediately preceding paragraph (a) of this §1037.3; provided, however, that the clear record of either the carrier's or shippers' facilities shall not be interpreted as affecting or changing the burden of proof now lawfully resting upon either party. Therefore, movement in a clear-record car is

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not conclusive evidence of the fact that the car is not defective. It must be considered along with other evidence to determine liability. See paragraph (e) of §1037.1

(c) In case of a disputed claim, the records of both the carrier and the claimant affecting the shipment involved shall be available to both parties. These records shall include a written complaint, if any, filed by the shipper with the railroad at the time the car was placed for loading that the car was defective, and the written report of an investigation of the complaint, filed by the railroad with the shipper, if made.

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§1039.10 Exemption of agricultural commodities except grain, soybeans, and sunflower seeds.

The rail transportation of the commodities listed below is exempt from the provisions of subtitle IV of title 49, except that carriers must continue to comply with Board accounting and reporting requirements, including a brief statement in their annual reports of operations under this exemption, and must maintain copies of rates, charges, rules or regulations, for traffic moved under this exemption, at their principal office, subject to inspection, and

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send a letter of notification to the docket [Ex Parte No. 346 (Sub-No. 14)], within 30 days, of the fact that they are using the exemption. All tariffs pertaining to the transportation of these miscellaneous commodities will no longer apply except to the extent adopted by carrier quotations. The categories of commodities which are exempt under this decision, by Standard Transportation Commodity Code (STCC) number are:

01	Farm products, with the exception of grain (STCC No. 0113), soybeans (STCC No. 01144), and sunflower seeds (STCC No. 0114940).
09	Fresh fish and other marine products.
20-11	Fresh meat.
20-15	Fresh dressed poultry.
20-17	Processed poultry.
20-21	Creamery Butter.
20-23	Condensed, Evaporated or Dried Milk.
20-25	Cheese and Special Dairy Products.
20-26	Processed Whole Milk.
20-141	Hides and Skins.
20-144	Animal refuse, tankage, or meat meal.
20-421-27	Citrus pomace.
20-712-12	Shelled walnuts.
20-914-25	Cottonseed hulls.
20-915	Cotton linters.
20-999-29	Butter and honey mixed.
20-999-41	Honey, comb, granulated or strained, or heat treated to retard granulation.
20-999-76	Freeze-dried poultry.
20-999-77	Freeze-dried meat.
20-999-78	Freeze-dried salad ingredients.
20-999-93	Fresh and salted meat and products mixed, not hung.
20-999-94	Fresh and salted meat and products mixed, hung and not hung.
21-4	Stemmed or redried tobacco.
22-811-30	Cotton, carded, dyed or not dyed, but not spun, woven or knitted, but including cotton lap.
22-911-63	Mattress felt, nec, cjors, not finished.
22-911-74	Felts, cotton, nec.
22-971-35	Wool, nec, scoured.
22-995-22	Flax fibre.
22-999-26	Cotton linters, bleached or dyed.
28-423-37	Beeswax.

and shall embrace all articles assigned additional digits. The STCC shall be those code numbers in effect as of January 1, 1979, as shown in Standard Transportation Commodity Code Tariff 1-G, STB STCC 6001-C. Nothing in this exemption shall be construed to affect our jurisdiction under section 10505 or our ability to enforce this decision or any subsequent decision made under authority of this exemption section. This exemption shall remain in effect,

unless modified or revoked by a subsequent order of this Board.

[48 FR 9277, Mar. 4, 1983; 49 FR 22095, May 25, 1984, as amended at 49 FR 26745, June 29, 1984; 49 FR 27321, July 3, 1984; 64 FR 53267, Oct. 1, 1999]

§1039.11 Miscellaneous commodities exemptions.

(a) *Commodities exempted.* Except as indicated in paragraph (b) of this section, the rail transportation of the commodities listed below is exempt from the provisions of 49 U.S.C. subtitle IV. The Standard Transportation Commodity Code (STCC) numbers that identify the exempted commodities are those in effect on the effective date of the tariff cited, and shall embrace all commodities assigned additional digits.

STCC No.	STCC tariff	Commodity
14 1	6001-T, eff. 1-1-92.	Dimension stone, quarry.
14 2 .....	.....do	Crushed or broken stone or riprap.
14 411 ...	.....do	Sand (aggregate or ballast).
14 412 ...	.....do	Gravel (aggregate or ballast).
20 .....	.....do	Food or kindred products except 20 143 Grease or inedible tallow. 20 32 Canned specialties. 20 33 Canned fruits, jams, jellies, preserves or vegetables. 20 4 Grain mill products. 20 6 Sugar, beet or cane. 20 8 Beverages or flavoring extracts. 20 911 Cottonseed oil, crude or refined. 20 914 Cottonseed cake or meal or by-products. 20 92 Soybean oil or by-products. 20 93 Nut or vegetable oils or by-products.
22 .....	.....do	Textile mill products.
23 .....	.....do	Apparel or other finished textile products or knit apparel.
24 .....	.....do	Lumber or wood products.
25 .....	.....do	Furniture or fixtures.
26do	Pulp, paper or allied products except 26 1 Pulp or pulp mill products. 26 211 Newsprint. 26 212 Ground wood paper, uncoated. 26 213 Printing paper, coated or uncoated, etc. 26 214 Wrapping paper, wrappers or coarse paper. 26 218 Sanitary tissue stock. 26 471 Sanitary tissues or health products. 26 6 Building paper or building board except 26 613 Wallboard.
27do	Printed matter.
28 195do	Iron chloride, liquid.
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